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SUBMARINE FREIGHTER BREMEN IS REPORTED NEARING NEW LONDON; BIG GERMAN STEAMER, INTERNED AT BOSTON, MOVES TO STATE DOCK

ATTACH BODY OF LABOR LEADER IN BIG STRIKE SUITS

Deputy Sheriff and Assistants Arrest Organizer P. F. Duffy and Hold Him Under \$200,000 Bonds, at Instigation of Manufacturers.

Following Threats of Wholesale Reprisal Actions, Plaintiffs Decide Not to Jail Duffy and Confine Him to Hotel Under Guard.

Patrick F. Duffy, an organizer of the American Federation of Labor, is held at the Atlantic hotel in lieu of \$200,000 bonds, following the service of a body writ Tuesday evening by Deputy Sheriff Thomas Cunningham.

Duffy is guarded by three extra deputies, one of whom has been sleeping in the same room with him at night.

The announced decision of Organizer Duffy to sue the four manufacturing molders who bring complaint against him, and Deputy Sheriff Cunningham besides, has caused the plaintiffs' attorney to forego the privilege of incarcerating Duffy. The deputy sheriff and his assistants merely gave Duffy a ride past the jail in an automobile, and then brought him back to the hotel.

Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan, counsel for the molders' union, said this afternoon that arrangements have been made by the national officers of the union for the bond, which was due in this city yesterday, but which is expected to be here this afternoon. It is understood that a reduced bond will be acceptable to the manufacturers.

At the hotel this afternoon, Mr. Duffy was very chipper. "Ridiculous," he said, in reference to the charges made against him.

"Why, here they are accusing me of having interfered with business (by instigating strikes at the Monopent Bronze Co., and the Pequonnock Foundry when I wasn't called in here until long after the men were called out."

"They say I cost them \$50,000 each for four weeks. That's \$10,000 a week each. One foundry had 17 molders. I'm not counting the helpers and core-makers, because they're non-producers. How can a plant make \$10,000 a week on 17 molders' work?"

"I'm going to sue each of these manufacturers and even the sheriff who served the papers. I'm being subjected to indignities. I have been deprived of my liberty. The charges made against me are ridiculous."

Discussion among labor leaders today indicated that they think the manufacturers are making a huge bluff, with the expectation of quietly settling the matter after the moral effect of the suits has been felt.

Deputy Sheriff Cunningham has been unable to find J. R. O'Leary, one of the molders' officers, who is also sued for \$50,000 by each of the complainants, the Manufacturers' Foundry, the Deoxidized Bronze Co., the Monopent Bronze Co. and the Pequonnock Foundry. Thomas Lovelady, business agent of the molders, (Continued on Page 2.)

HOLCOMB CALLS EXTRA SESSION SEPTEMBER 12

Hartford, Aug. 24—Governor Holcomb prepared today the official call for the special session of the General Assembly to be held September 12, at 11 o'clock to make provision for the taking of the vote of the Connecticut troops on the Mexican border.

POLIOMYELITIS KILLS MOTHER, CRIPPLES CHILD

Newtown Woman Contracts Malady While Nursing Stricken Baby.

(Special to The Farmer.) Newtown, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Grant Nutting, wife of Operator Grant Nutting at the Sandy Hook station, died of infantile paralysis at the home of her parents in Stormville, N. Y., Tuesday. She was buried that night.

Mrs. Nutting's three year old daughter was stricken by the disease first, and the mother while nursing her child, contracted the fatal malady, and survived only two days. The physicians say at last report that the child will recover but will be a helpless cripple for life.

Mrs. Nutting has been visiting her parents since she left Sandy Hook a year ago. Mr. Nutting was transferred to the charge of the telegraph office in Naugatuck recently, where he is now located. He has been communicated with and has gone to Stormville.

Unless some other case of poliomyelitis develops before September 5, all the public schools in town will open on that date.

KIDNAP BOY FROM QUARANTINED CAMP

(Special to The Farmer.)

Bantam Lake, Aug. 24.—Summer residents here were excited today when it became known that Tuesday night, Dehms Ryan, a boy, of Cranford, N. J., was kidnapped from the tent in which he was under quarantine, and rushed in an automobile out of the town.

Ryan's father and another man are believed to have abducted the boy. Two men paddled in a canoe up to the camp while the boys were asleep. Creeping through the woods to the tent in which young Ryan was lying, they caught him up, wrapped him in a blanket and hurried him into the canoe.

As the canoe pushed off, Mr. Tindale, manager of the camp, heard the scuffling on the sand and rushed to the shore. He shouted to the men to stop, but they ignored him and hurriedly paddled out into the lake. Mr. Tindale gave chase in a motorboat but in the darkness he lost track of the canoe.

Apparently the boy was taken ashore at a point some distance from the camp, placed in an automobile and taken out of the state.

It is not known just what action will be taken as there is some doubt as to whether or not violation of quarantine is an extraditable offense. Health Officer Whittlesey has placed a guard at the tent.

Many of the parents of the 73 boys at the camp have become greatly alarmed, despite the assurance that every precaution is being taken to safeguard the campers and it is feared that sequester efforts may be made by some to get their sons away. Dr. John T. Black, secretary of the state board of health, has instructed the officials to strictly enforce the quarantine and not allow any boy to leave the camp under any consideration.

New York Situation Better.

New York, Aug. 24.—Health department officials were encouraged by today's reports on the infantile paralysis epidemic which showed a substantial decrease in the number of deaths and new cases.

ISLAND SALE IS REJECTED BY DENMARK

London, Aug. 24.—The Danish Landthing has rejected the proposal to sell the Danish West Indies to the United States, says a Ruter despatch from Copenhagen.

DETECTIVE HERE HELPED CAPTURE EMIL TOTTERMAN

Convict Who Escaped Prison Farm First Caught Through Local Clue.

NAME ON PARCEL PROVED UNDOING

Policemen in Bridgeport Re-count Story of Famous Murder Mystery.

With search being prosecuted by police of this city and others all over the country for Emil Totterman, one of the honor men at Sing Sing prison who escaped from the farm camp at Beekman, N. Y., last Sunday after being given permission to go berrying, the circumstances regarding Totterman's capture in 1905 for the murder of a woman in New York are recounted here. Local detectives aided greatly in his apprehension.

Wrapping paper bearing the label of Meigs & Co. of this city was the clue upon which Totterman's identity was established. After his conviction and sentence to the electric chair, Theodore Roosevelt, then president, interested himself in the case and had the sentence commuted to life imprisonment because of Totterman's bravery and valor during the Spanish-American war.

Totterman was mate on a ship that docked at the wharf of the Farist Steel Co. in this city early in the winter of 1905. The boat carried a load of stone for use in building the viaduct of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. and came to (Continued on Page Two.)

CHARLES AMS BUYS VILLAGE FOR FACTORY

Head of Machine-Making Firm Acquires All Turnerville For Automobile Manufacturing Community—Won't Move Local Business.

Rumors to the effect that the Max Ams Machine Co. might remove its plant to another section of Connecticut was very clearly denied today by Charles M. Ams, of Bridgeport and Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Incidentally it became known that Mr. Ams had purchased the entire village of Turnerville, Conn., near Williamantic and will reconstruct it for the purpose of manufacturing automobiles.

The name Turnerville, which originated because of the big carpet mills formerly located there, will be changed to Amstown and likewise the erection of new concrete buildings on the site of the old brick mill will be commenced at once.

Mr. Ams said today: "It is true that I have bought the village of Turnerville. I have also assumed the presidency of the Sterling Automobile Co., which is at present manufacturing a small roadster. I shall actively engage in the automobile business, but it should be understood clearly in Bridgeport that the new concern has nothing whatever to do with the local Max Ams factory. The two concerns are separate and distinct in every respect though I happen to be president of both."

"In my new venture, in which other Connecticut persons are associated, we shall manufacture two types of cars, the roadster and a large touring car. We shall attempt to give the best value for the money of any car on the market and an expert corps of mechanical engineers is now engaged in working out details."

"Bridgeport need not worry about the plant here for we have no intention of removing. The interests are in no way allied."

From Williamantic it is learned that Mr. Ams contemplates and has already begun enormous improvements. He has proceeded to erect a big concrete mill, has put all the other mills into shape, has installed his own electric lighting plant, stocked a general store for the community and greatly improved the old Turner homestead. In fact he has turned a deserted village into a thriving town to be named after himself.

Other Connecticut men said to be interested in the venture are: Fred D. Jordan, George E. Timman and William A. Willimantic.

NEARING END R.R. DISPUTE, IS VIEW NOW

Both Sides Are Optimistic As President Continues His Negotiations With Employers and Workers.

Signs of Unrest Among Men Have Disappeared And Final Decision in Trouble is Looked For Soon.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Renewed optimism on the prospects for averting the threatened railroad strike prevailed today among the representatives of the employees and at the White House.

Commissioner Chambers, of the federal mediation board, after conferring with President Wilson, carried a message to the brotherhood leaders.

Signs of unrest among the men, so apparent yesterday, disappeared today and there were renewed indications that the railroads would agree on some proposal to include the eight-hour day in a manner satisfactory to the employees' committee, and then bring about investigation of all the collateral issues.

After conferences with representatives of the employees and employers, Commissioner Chambers, of the federal mediation board, discussed the strike situation with President Wilson and made arrangements for a group of the railroad presidents to see Mr. Wilson immediately. There were reports that a settlement of the controversy was in sight.

Hale Holden, of Burlington; Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio, and S. Lovett, of the Union Pacific, are sub-committee which has been dealing with the President for the last two days, arrived at the White House shortly before 1 o'clock and refused to make any statement before seeing the President.

After the conference it was said the outlook was "more hopeful if anything."

The President sent for the executives to acquaint them with the progress being made by him in dealing with the problems suggested at previous conferences.

Railway heads who today continued their efforts to meet President Wilson's plan for averting a strike probably had for their guidance information on the administration's attitude toward legislation or other governmental action looking toward recompensing them for a possible concession of the eight-hour day basis. A definite statement of this was evidently the object sought.

Courses which might be taken in Congress affecting directly the present railway situation it was pointed out as these:

Direct the interstate commerce commission by resolution to investigate the entire subject of the relations between railroads and their employees, and to report thereon to Congress.

Exact a measure compelling arbitration of future disputes similar to that pending.

Establish the eight-hour day principle by legislation.

Pass measures clearing the way for government ownership of railroads.

The first two proposals were receiving most serious consideration, it was said. Statements given out by the railway presidents showed no relaxation in their opposition to the eight-hour principle and there was no direct indication of when they might give a final answer to President Wilson.

Many telegrams from industrial and commercial interests protesting against granting the eight hour day were displayed by the railway heads.

Administration officials expected a final answer from the railroad executives today or tomorrow. President Wilson made no engagements in anticipation of receiving the executives.

While no definite information is forthcoming, administration officials expressed optimism over the outlook.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION PLEDGES AID TO STRIKERS

Will Throw Open Treasury to Fight Case of Molders If Called Upon.

STATE FEDERATION MAY FOLLOW SUIT

Life of Every Guild in Connecticut Threatened If Plaintiffs Win.

Because the very life of every union in Connecticut is threatened, the State Federation of Labor, at its convention next month, is expected to throw open its treasury to the striking molders of Bridgeport.

The Central Labor union, which represents all the unions of the city, took this action last night. It voted financial and moral support to the molders in their coming legal fight with the manufacturers.

This action was taken because it is realized that if the manufacturers, by having recourse to what is called "1296" by the labor men, win, it means no more successful strikes in the state until "1296," the anti-picketing statute, is repealed.

The interpretation of this statute in the recent action of the Max Ams Co. against the maccinists, has showed labor men the dangers of a law, which, they thought, guaranteed them the right to do peaceful picketing.

The whole of the vast resources of the labor unions in Connecticut may be arrayed against the manufacturers before many weeks. Delegates from Bridgeport will bring up the matter at the state convention.

At the meeting of the State Federation's executive committee, Saturday, plans will be laid for the fight in the legislature against "1296."

The Central Labor union received information last night that in the neighborhood of 1,500 union men from Bridgeport will board the special train for the convention. The leaving time will be announced in The Farmer at a later date, it was decided.

BULLET IN SIDE OF MRS. MERSON WAS OVERLOOKED

Woman Shot By Her Brother-in-Law Goes to Hospital For Operation.

Mrs. Julius A. Merson of 231 Sterling street, who was shot several months ago by her brother-in-law, several months ago when she refused to give him money and her jewelry, is again a patient at the Bridgeport hospital as a bullet has been found embedded in her side. Dr. P. W. Bill will probe to remove the bullet.

A brother of Mr. Merson called at the home one Saturday night about two months ago, while Mr. Merson and the other members of the family were automobileing. He demanded that Mrs. Merson give him money and her jewelry, and when she refused he leveled a revolver at her and fired. As she sank to the floor he turned the weapon upon himself and died as a result of his self-inflicted wounds.

Mrs. Merson hovered between life and death for several weeks but finally recovered and her physician prescribed a long vacation. While visiting friends in New Haven, Mrs. Merson became subject to several pains in one side. An X-ray picture was taken and showed that one of the bullets remains in her body. Today, Mrs. Merson returned to the hospital and Dr. Bill will perform an operation to remove the leaden pellet.

WILLIAM P. KIRK BUYS EDWARDS PLACE ON SOUTH MAIN ST.

William P. Kirk, the local plumbing contractor, who recently sold his property on Fairfield avenue above Harrison, yesterday purchased from George Edwards of this city, the old Edwards homestead property on South Main street, opposite Thomas street.

Mr. Kirk announced that he will at once build a two story block on the site, four stories on the street front with factory and offices on the rear first, and entire second floor.

The lot is about 80 foot front and will accommodate between four and five stores. There is considerable depth.

THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Friday; light south winds.

North German Lloyd Liner Willehad Steams From Boston For New London. Under Charter to Eastern Forwarding Company, American Agents For Submarine Merchant Service—Believed That Her Arrival in Connecticut Port Will Precede the Arrival There of Second Big Submarine Merchantman By Only a Short Time.

New London, Aug. 24.—Of repeated rumors that the German undersea liner Bremen would dock at this port in a short time took on an authentic aspect today when it was learned that the interned North German Lloyd liner Willehad is proceeding to New London from Boston.

The Willehad is making the voyage under charter to the Eastern Forwarding Company, American agents of the German company operating the merchant submarine service begun by the arrival at Baltimore of the Deutschland.

The office of the rivers, harbors and bridges commission here is preparing to receive the Willehad which is expected late this afternoon or tonight. That her arrival here will be followed by the appearance of the Bremen is now undoubted.

North German Lloyd tugs met the Deutschland on her arrival at Baltimore, and at her pier the giant submarine was close to the interned steamer Neckar of the same line.

The Eastern Forwarding Company has admitted leasing the big warehouse which was rushed to completion at the state pier here within the past two weeks.

Willehad Sails Under German Merchant Flag

Boston, Aug. 24.—The North German Lloyd liner Willehad, which has been in refuge here since the outbreak of the war, slipped out of the harbor early today, presumably for New London, Conn., for which port she obtained clearance papers last night.

The Willehad went out under the flag of the German merchant marine, the first time it had been carried out of Boston harbor since the war began. She was without consort. Her crew, a full complement in command of Captain Pachens, had been augmented by additions from several other ships of the line here. The Willehad had departed in the early hours as cheers rang out from the decks of other refuge vessels.

Capt. J. J. Hartling, the pilot, who took the steamer out of the harbor, said she was bound for New London and would make the passage through the Cape Cod Canal. Those aboard, he said, acted as if they were on a routine trip, and professed to know of no special service to be rendered at their destination.

After the pilot left the vessel Captain Jachens headed the Willehad for the canal. Off Plymouth harbor, she was met by a tug which had been waiting there and which accompanied her to the Canal entrance at Sagamore. At the rate of progress up to that point, it was estimated the steamer would arrive at New London about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The Willehad, a cargo steamer of 4,746 tons, was the smallest of the refugee ships at this port. She had come out of a drydock only yesterday and had been supplied with coal, food and provisions. Notwithstanding 100 years of inactivity since the vessel sought shelter at this port, her engines were in fine condition and her crew

LONE ZEPPELIN RAIDS BRITISH COAST; BOMBS CAUSE SLIGHT DAMAGE

London, Aug. 24.—The east coast of England was visited again last night by a hostile airship which dropped bombs in the fields but did no damage. The British official statement referring to the raid says:—

"A hostile airship crossed the east coast shortly before midnight last night. A number of incendiary and some high explosive bombs were dropped in open fields. No damage nor casualties are reported. The airship went to sea again before one o'clock this morning."

Turkish Regiments Taken By Russians

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—The capture of two Turkish regiments on the Caucasus front was announced today by the war office.

German Loss Heavy In Drive on Somme

London, Aug. 24.—On the Somme front, in the neighborhood of Guillemont, the Germans last night launched a strong attack in an effort to regain lost ground. The official statement issued here today says the attack was repulsed after a severe struggle in which the Germans sustained heavy losses.

Entente Forces in Macedonia Routed

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The defeat of the entente forces along the Struma river, on the Macedonia front in northeastern Greece, was announced by the Bulgarian war office in a statement issued yesterday at Sofia.

The statement says the entente forces took flight, leaving the ground covered with dead and that up to the time the statement was issued the bodies of more than 400 dead had been counted. Large quantities of ammunition and supplies, including eight machine guns, were captured by the Bulgarians.

TEUTONS ON OFFENSIVE

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—Teutonic forces

have begun determined attacks against the Russians who recently forced their way across the Stockholms in the vicinity of Rudka-Chervische, northeast of Kovle. According to today's official announcement, the attacking columns, which opened their offensive yesterday afternoon on the Russian positions near Tobol, were repulsed by the Russian fire.

Violent Attacks on French Position

Paris, Aug. 24.—After an intense bombardment of the Soyecourt Woods the Germans last night attacked with grenades the French positions south of the Somme but without avail, says today's war office statement. Positions between Fleury and Thiaucourt, which had been taken by the French were violently shelled by the German guns.

GERMANS TAKE PRISONERS

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Sharp fighting continues in the Carpathian regions, where Austrian and German troops are disputing Russian attempts to advance through the passes into Hungary. In the Vienna headquarters report of August 23, the German success north of Capul, where Russian positions were taken and 200 prisoners captured, is announced.

BULGARS ATTACK SERBS

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The Bulgarian attack is proceeding against the Serbian positions near Lake Ostovo, on the Macedonian front. The war office report of today says the Bulgarians defeated Serbian counter-attacks.

ITALIAN ARTILLERY BUSY

Berlin, Aug. 24.—The Italian artillery is displaying increasing activity along the Isonzo front, according to the Austrian headquarters report of Aug. 23. No important infantry engagements anywhere along the Austro-